



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Another Assembly Has Passed into History

BY SAM C. PERRY

According to previous arrangement, the Assembly convened thirty-eight days earlier this year than last, but this seemed to make no difference in the number present.

The Same Enthusiasm

Before the time appointed, the people began pouring in from all directions. While some who usually attend were absent, there were hundreds of new faces there for the first time, and all caught the usual Assembly spirit, filling the air with praises, amens and hallelujahs throughout all the many programs of the long, busy days.

Chattanooga's Kindness Appreciated

As the mayor of Chattanooga and others gave addresses of welcome to our people in the opening service of the Assembly, there was a hearty response from those present, all expressing their appreciation of all the kindness extended them by the city and its officials. Perhaps it would be proper to say that in the matter of parking cars, traffic laws, etc., the city, through her officials, was very considerate, and this was appreciated especially.

Programs Arranged to Utilize the Time to the Best Advantage

All programs and order of services were arranged so as to make the most of the time, as there were so many things to be said and done in such a limited time.

The Council of the Twelve

Evidently this council had gone over

its usual task thoroughly, in advance, judging from recommendations presented to the meeting of the bishops. These recommendations gave a schedule for the proceedings of the Bishops' Council.

The Bishops' Council

The bishops were on hand on Monday morning to begin promptly with their regular annual session. While their time was a little shorter than in other years, they worked hard, convening early and remaining until late, that all matters brought before them might be fully discussed. All decisions made by this council were duly presented to the open Assembly. All seemed to maintain their usual good spirit throughout these busy sessions.

Everything in Readiness on Time

The building was all ready on time, as well as the entertainment committee, which guided the people to a stopping place as they poured into the city. Everything seemed to move forward in good order from the beginning.

The Preaching, Singing, Etc.

From the first service the usual Assembly spirit was manifest. The singers, musicians and speakers all seemed to be full of fire and the great audiences only needed to be touched off, and you can imagine what followed, it cannot be described. What singing, praying, preaching and shouting! There were special outbursts, but you should not have missed the great downpour in the last service

on Sunday night. This will be long remembered by those who were present.

The Marching of the States

Beginning on Wednesday the states, one at a time, were called. The overseer, ministers and members of each state marched to the platform in order, giving a report of their work, singing a song, etc., the audience giving them a cheer with hand clapping, amens, etc., as they passed on. It was believed by many that there were more in attendance at this Assembly than at any previous Assembly. Some expressed an opinion that the regular attendance throughout was larger than last year.

The Various Programs

1. The young people. Our young people are marching on with increased interest, as was shown by the great number present, and by their enthusiastic songs, music and speaking. There are some splendid preachers and workers in their ranks, and that number is steadily increasing.

2. The Sunday School. A prominent place was given to the Sunday School and its work in the Church. Church of God people certainly believe in the Sunday School.

3. The orphanage work. The boys and girls made a good showing. The great audience present was thrilled with their program and at the close a good offering was received for this department.

4. The Bible Training Schools. The
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I would like to hear from Brother H. L. Marcum.—Turner Hall, Indianola, Okla.

I am ready for calls. Anyone desiring my help in revivals will please communicate with Brother W. W. Harmon, pastor, or directly to Eulah Watkins, Box 932, Cramerton, N. C.

The ministers' meeting for the state of Ohio will begin Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 13, at the Church of God at Hamilton, Ohio, 7th and Chestnut Sts., lasting through Wednesday and Thursday following. Matters of importance and such as pertain to the organization and promotion of the work for the ensuing year will be discussed. All ministers are invited to come and be with us. All are welcome. Come praying that God may lead us.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark, state overseer.

There will be a home coming at Fame Church of God, Sept. 11. We have a new building now and are expecting a big crowd. We especially invite all the near-by churches to be with us. Come on preachers and singers, let's have a good day and enjoy the many good blessings from the Lord. Come and bring a basket full of dinner.—E. M. Gordon, pastor, Eupora, Miss.

To the many inquiring friends of Brother Hoyle L. Case and his wife, Mildred (Blackwell) Case, you can reach them at their address given below. A letter from each will be encouraging and highly appreciated. Be sure to put five cents in stamps on your envelope. Those wishing to correspond with them, address all letters to Rev. and Mrs. Hoyle L. Case, Chengannur Post Office, Travancore, South India.—Brother and Sister T. F. Blackwell, 2501 Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Alabama ministers' meeting will be held at Pratt City, Ala., Sept. 15, 16, beginning at 7:00 p. m. on the 15th. This meeting is called for the purpose of lining up our work for the new year, also completing our work of appointing pastors for the churches. All ministers of Alabama are requested to be present. We are expecting this to be the best year in the history of Alabama. We're expecting Brother Walker or Brother Johnson to be here.—H. L. Whittington, state overseer.

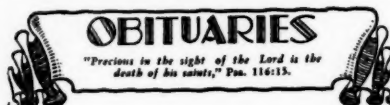
To the Church of God in Pennsylvania: Our plan is to be in the state and on the job just as soon as wife is able to travel. I am glad to report she is somewhat improved this morning. We are

praying for a wonderful year for the Church of God, and especially in Pennsylvania, because of the good spirit now existing among the ministers and laity. Press forward, march on, fight valiantly and the victory will be ours to enjoy; the Lord shall have all the glory.

Those in New Jersey and Pennsylvania desiring to write me, my address now is The Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn. Upon my arrival in Pennsylvania it will be Route 2, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa. Watch the Evangel for further notice.—Your servant, T. S. Payne, state overseer.

Special Notice

State overseers who are expecting either your General or Assistant General Overseer to attend your state ministers' conference, please notify us at once of the date and place of your meeting.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



RUDESILL

June Fay Rudesill, youngest daughter of Frank and Jimmie Rudesill, died Aug. 23, 1938 at the age of eight years. The funeral was conducted by Brother L. V. Jones and burial was at the Smith cemetery at Rose Bloom, Miss.—Written by her mother, Mrs. F. J. Rudesill, Stover, Miss.

STILLWELL

On Aug. 14, 1938 death visited the home of my son and daughter-in-law and took their little son, age three years and three months. Brother Leonhardt conducted the funeral and interment was made in the Shoups Grove cemetery.—His grandmother who loved him, Lizzie Stillwell, Rt. 1, Hickory, N. C.

CLEGHORN

On July 24, 1938 death claimed the loving wife of Brother G. W. Cleghorn. She was nineteen years, five months and twenty-two days old. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Brother W. H. Swift.—Willard Cornwell, clerk, LaFayette, Ga.

BELCHER

Sister Edna Belcher, beloved wife of Frank Belcher, departed this life Aug. 3, 1938 at her home in Myersdale, Pa. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God by Brother R. E. Nuzum and interment was made in the Union cemetery.—One who loved her, Mrs. R. E. Nuzum.

BARFIELD

Little Donald Jackson Barfield, darling son of Holt and Ossie Barfield,

Manatee, Fla. was born Dec. 3, 1936 and departed this life Aug. 16, 1938. Funeral services were conducted by Brother J. A. Self, pastor.—One who loved him, his grandmother, Texas Thomas, Manatee, Fla.

TAGGART

Bennie B. Taggart was born Jan. 27, 1909 and died April 18, 1938, age twenty-nine years, two months and twenty-one days. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.—His loving wife, Pauline Newman Taggart, Kola Springs, Miss.

BENTLEY

Little Virginia Bentley, age eleven years, died Aug. 20, 1938. She was laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac, Mich. The funeral services were conducted by Brother R. C. Cook of Canada. She was a faithful little member of the Church of God and was baptized with the Holy Ghost.—One who loved her, Miss Wilma Gladen, Flint, Mich.

DOUDSON

Janet Louise Doudson was born April 16, 1934 and died Aug. 13, 1938, age four years, four months and twenty-five days.

We thank our friends and relatives for their kindness during our little darling's death. I thank the blessed Lord for His loving care and mercy to me. I don't know what I would have done if I hadn't depended upon Jesus. Bless His name. I am hoping that this sorrow will bring her daddy and brothers to God. Please pray for them.—Her mother, Geneva Doudson, Shelburn, Ind.

RUTLEDGE

On Aug. 27, 1938 the death angel claimed little David Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Rutledge, age three and one-half years. Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge are faithful members of the Church of God at Campaign, Tenn.—One who loved him, his aunt.

Healed Today

OXNARD, Calif. — Dear saints, I truly thank God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, and for His great healing power. My little boy had some kind of rash for over a year. I promised God I would testify through the little Evangel if He would heal him, and he is healed today. Praise His sweet name!

He has healed me of spinal trouble. I just can't thank and praise Him enough. Please pray that He will strengthen my body as I am very weak at times, and pray for my husband to be filled with the Holy Ghost. He is saved and trusting God for his daily needs. Pray that we will ever be found in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Thomas Halford, Box 512.

Destruction Is in the Land

BY MRS. MARY MING

Jer. 50:22, "A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction."

Friends, we are in the greatest war the world has ever known; not with guns, battleships, airplanes, and submarines; not with flesh and blood; but we are in war against the devil and his force from hell.

"There were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction," 2 Peter 2:1.

Christian friends, there has never been a time in our history when there were so many false prophets, false teachers, false leaders, and false every thing else, but Jesus said this time would come. Should we listen to what they say about it? No, a thousand times no. Isa. 59:4 said, "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." v. 7, 8, "Their feet ran to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not."

Now this class of people do not care for the truth and right. Their thoughts are evil continually. They say they can not cease from sin, but just have to sin every day. A man or woman, boy or girl, that sins needs to be born again.

2 Peter 2:2, "And many shall follow their pernicious (injurious, hurtful or destructive) ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." Not ways, but the *the way* of truth. Friends, there are many ways, many gates and roads, but the text said *the way of truth* shall be evil spoken of by these false prophets and leaders. So many people profess holiness and say they are Christians but so few are really living the life and lifting Jesus up to a lost and dying world. Well, you may ask, what is the trouble? The answer is, They are giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and they are failing God on every hand. Dear Brother and Sister Ministers of the Church of God, it is high time we, as ministers of God, were waking up to our duty and getting on the job God has called us for. Let's take stock and see what can be done, see if we are in the faith yet, and see if we are on the Rock Christ Jesus.

So many spirits are gone out in the world today but we know they can't all be of God for one will say, "I am free;"

another will say, "There is nothing in the name, just any thing will do," or, "We can get soul food anywhere." Some will say, "The Holy Ghost is not for the people of our day," and just a thousand other things they have no scriptures for; but they are wrong and will find it out some day when it may be too late. Now is the time for you and me to warn them against these spirits that will doom them for time and eternity. This is doctrine of devils and this class of people is self-willed. They despise government. They will not be ruled or governed by any one, but think they know it all. Yes, they say they are ready, watching, and waiting for Jesus to come after them any time, but, dear hearts, Jesus is not coming after that kind of people. 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

2 Peter 2:12, "But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption." They speak evil of the Holy Ghost, of speaking in tongues, of the Church of God, of shouting, and dancing under the power of God, and of every thing good. You may ask, Why is this? It is because they are blind and in darkness and don't know what it is all about. Well, will they get by on ignorance? No, a thousand times no. Oh, they will say, there is nothing to the Holy Ghost or speaking in other tongues. What about a preacher saying the Holy Ghost is not real! Yes, I mean just that. Baal's prophets, false teachers and leaders are saying, "If we do get the Holy Ghost we don't have to speak in tongues," but, glory to God, Jesus said, "He shall testify." "But these, as natural brute beast, . . . speak evil of things that they understand not; . . . spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you," v. 12, 13. I fear that God will hold you and me responsible for the souls that we fail to warn against those things, for destruction is in the land and the devil has the greatest per cent of the people going downhill at break-neck speed. Are we going to sit down with our hands folded and say we can't do any thing? I say, we can do something if we will try.

The false prophets and leaders are teaching that you can't live here without sinning every day. These are found in 2 Peter 2:14, "Having eyes full of adultery and that can not cease from

sin, beguiling unstable souls." Oh, the poor lost sinner that never has heard the real true Word of God and doesn't know which way to go or which way to turn or what to do! They need you and me to help them. They are wandering around in darkness, longing for someone to help them find the way. Oh, how sad it is to go out in green fields and preach the gospel in its purity and see those hungry souls sit with wide eyes and wondering minds as they listen to the Word of God as it is expounded, and come to you after service saying, "We have never heard it this way before. We have never heard any thing like this in our life." Oh, how can we sit still satisfied? I am asking you, Are we going to stand idle all day and fold our hands and not do any thing about it? In my travel I have found a number of our own people who have gone too far out at sea, almost gone overboard or almost over the dam, and why? Simply because they listened to seducing spirits. May I ask the question, Why not give heed to the word of God and be safe, and be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive? Eph. 4:14. I want to say here that when you feel careless and unconcerned about going to service, Sunday School or the Y. P. E., you are on dangerous grounds, and you better begin to pray. If you are getting cold, you are either dead or dying, and I advise you to rush your case to the throne of grace, and don't delay, for sin and destruction is in the land.

Jude 7, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown because of their ungodliness and corrupt ways. They thought it all a fairy tale when old Brother Lot was preaching to them, telling them God was going to destroy the city. Sure, they thought he was crazy. Gen. 19:14, "He seemed as one that mocked to them," but he was right anyway, and God sent the angels to lead Lot out of that filthy place. Praise His holy name for ever. I am sure when fire and brimstone begin to rain down from God on them they wished they had listened to old Brother Lot, but it was too late then. v. 8, "Likewise all these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, de-

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EDITORIALS

The Assembly

The 33rd Annual Assembly of the Church of God is now in the past. The great crowds that thronged the Auditorium have returned to their various homes and fields of labor. The weather was very warm and the heat caused much suffering, but the Lord was with His people and cared for them. When the truth from God's Word was given out, on several occasions the great power of God fell. It was marvelous to sit and look at the crowd of hungry hearts yearning for God and His holy truth. The colored folks' night was decidedly the best night of victory and power. The Holy Ghost came down in a wonderful way. God honored their efforts. I am thoroughly convinced that their simple, honest way of worshiping God is pleasing to Him. It would pay us all to bow at His feet and cast our cares upon Him for He cares for us.

Pray for the Bible School

The Bible School opened at Sevierville, Tenn., in the old Murphy College, Monday morning at ten o'clock, and from what we can learn they had the largest number they have ever had at any opening. We are expecting to have the most successful term of Bible School in all of its history. We pray that God will direct and the truth will be taught to these students, and the tenets and teachings of the Church be instilled in their hearts so that they may be able to go out and teach the great truth that has built the Church. It has been the sacred regard for the Bible doctrine that has caused thousands of people to love the Church, and if we retain His favors and love, we will have to keep ever before us these sacred truths.

Patronize the Publishing House

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work. Everyone seems to be enthusiastic. The employees had a glad smile on their faces at prayer time and we are looking forward to the greatest year we have ever had in the Publishing House. As we sit in the office and listen to the hum of the machinery, we are praying that God will help us to use every available piece of machinery and other equipment to send His gospel out to the lost. We earnestly request the prayers of the people on the field, that God will help us. Without His help and power we are all a failure, but with Him all things are possible. We feel that we must work while it is day for the night of tribulation is fast approaching. We would be glad to have the co-operation and patronage of the people all over the United States and foreign fields. If you have any printing to do, let us do it for this is your Publishing House. Every member is a stockholder.

Remember the Orphans

I am sure all enjoyed the program that the orphanage rendered at the Assembly. Think of the good work that the Church is doing through His people in developing the talent of these precious boys and girls. The girls are in the girls' new dormitory, the nice, two-story, brick building, but remember they still owe a good bit on this building, that is, they borrowed the money to pay for it and still owe a large part of it. Our people have always stood by the orphanage and we believe you are going to do that this year. How thankful we are for God's love and mercy extended. Let us pray that God's blessing will ever be upon His people. He has been so good to us. Don't forget to pray for this great work, and to send in the means that will make it possible for us to still care for the orphans. Pray for the children, the matrons, the manager and all those connected with this work.

Let's Co-operate

Let's all co-operate this year to make the work of the Church, in every department, in every state, city, town, island and foreign country, go and grow and glorify for Jesus' sake and His honor

and glory, that precious souls might be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, for Jesus might come this very year. Remember, it takes pulling together, not criticizing, fault-finding, plotting and scheming against one another, as those who delivered the messages at the Assembly told us. If every member and minister of the Church would practice the truths delivered to us by all the speakers, we surely would get along without any friction. One state overseer, Brother Cox, said that the ministers in Louisiana had co-operated because they had love. Listen, brethren, if we have the love of God in our hearts that we should, we certainly will co-operate and have unity and sweet fellowship. God help us to make this the best year the Church of God has ever had. It may be our last year. The Lord may come at any time. Pray, pray, pray; stay in touch with God; let the precious Holy Ghost direct you; study the Word; be diligent; take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to some poor soul. Do your best for God and His cause. Let's not waste any more valuable time in things that are not worth while; don't be slothful; be up and about the Father's business, for the fields are white unto harvest. God requires our best. Preachers, stay humble; get the burden of the work and lost souls on your heart; do all you do for the glory and honor of Jesus only. Don't be selfish; don't seek praise of men. Seek to please God and to be a blessing to your brothers and sisters, and to the world which is so in need of the gospel and in need of men and women who have the love of God and really live the life.

As I think of the many faces at the Assembly, I remember this morning that they are scattered all over the country, and my heart cries out, O God, help us to be a blessing wherever we are, help us to have love, help us to have unity, help us to co-operate. If we don't have the love we should have, we can't be the blessing that we could be otherwise. God help us to preach the gospel and then help us to live it.

Unity

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore," Psalms 133.

The psalmist is here urging Israel to have unity. He says, "how good and pleasant it is." Then he describes the blessing of unity by telling of the precious ointment poured on the head of the priest. It is said that this ointment

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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A Missionary Story

There was trouble during 1931 between Chinese and Koreans on both sides of the border running between their countries. Exaggerated accounts of the killing of Koreans in Manchuria led to the killing of Chinese in Korea, and this again incited further attacks and murders in Manchuria. One day Kim Chang Yung, who is the society's colporteur among his fellow Koreans who have migrated to Manchuria, was summoned to the county office, where the Chinese magistrate said to him: "We have heard that you are the leader in the movement against the Chinese up here."

"Oh no," replied the colporteur, "I preach the gospel, sell Bibles and Gospels, and exhort the people against this kind of bad action. Our religion teaches us that we must love our enemies and do good to them. How can you say that I am such a bad man as to beat up the Chinese?"

"Where do you preach?" the magistrate demanded.

"I preach here and in the villages up the river," he replied.

"We must telephone," said the magistrate, "to find out whether you are telling the truth. Since it is late and the sun is now setting, you must wait in prison until we can investigate."

Kim Chang Yung was greatly shocked. "Oh, you can't lock me up! I've committed no crime," he said, "I'm a Christian colporteur."

"Guards, take him away."

Two soldiers seized him and bundled him off unceremoniously.

"Now I am in a fine mess," thought Kim Chang Yung as he sat in a corner of the cell. "Oh well, in the morning the magistrate will learn the truth and I shall be set free."

Morning came, but no freedom. By the evening he was reconciled to spending another night in gaol. The next day passed, and he was still there. On the third day he thought: "The Lord must have some reason for allowing me to be shut up. Many of my fellow countrymen are in prison too. Prisoner or free man, I must preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I'll ask the magistrate for permission to preach to the prisoners."

So he put his request before the magistrate, who said, "Oh no, you cannot address the prisoners; that will never do. How do I know that you would not stir up trouble?"

"But, your Honor, I just want to tell them about God, whose good news to all

men is in this little book. Just give me one hour a day and I shall be satisfied."

The magistrate being a reasonable man consented, saying: "One hour a day and no longer; prepare a list of your subjects, and present me a written outline of your discourses."

"Ten thousand thanks, your Honor," said Kim Chang Yung, and returned happy to his cell.

The next day at 4:30 he brought the light of the gospel into that dark place. Exactly at 5:30 the guard shouted: "Time's up; back to your cell."

On the morrow the light shone again for an hour. By the third day even the guards were becoming interested and they forgot to look at their watches at the end of the hour. By the seventh day the sermons were two hours long and prayers to the heavenly Father were listened to with reverence. During the day the prisoners read the Word of God from the little books which the colporteur left with them.

After the tenth day Kim Chang Yung was called before the magistrate, who said: "We see that you are an upright man and no troublemaker. You are released."

"Again ten thousand thanks . . . but how about the other prisoners? May I come each day and preach to them?" he had the courage to ask.

"No, I cannot permit that," said the magistrate. "Now be off."

The next day most of the other prisoners were also released.

On Sunday the Christians of the village gathered in the little church, and great was the rejoicing and singing of praises to God when they found Kim Chang Yung, the colporteur, who was also their elder, once again in their midst. And in the congregation were many new faces—the faces of ex-prisoners, but now prisoners of the Lord Jesus Christ, who had caused His light to shine upon them in dark places.

Workers Together

"Someone has blended the plaster, and someone has carried the stone; Neither the man nor the Master has ever builded alone; Making a roof from the weather, building a house for the King; Only by working together have men accomplished a thing."

Those Who Are Christians

1. They are "born again" (over). They begin a new life at this point. The former life passes away, they receive life from above and walk in a new

realm.

2. The will of God as revealed in His Word is the rule of their life. Sinners cannot live by this rule, they are in the wrong world, have the wrong master. They must repent, be made anew in Christ, then they can.

3. Christians enjoy the personal fellowship with God. This is more than pardon of sin, victory over temptations, peace in the heart, or even daily blessings. God is their heavenly Father and they are His sons and daughters.

4. They live and walk by faith in God and His promises. Faith to them is the principle by which to keep contact with God, overcome the world, and labor successfully for Him in this present life.

5. Christians, those who have forsaken all, taken up the cross, and follow Jesus, live a life of self-denial. Jesus is the great example. His disciples followed Him, then the members of the early Church followed, then other millions have followed, are still following, and every one who would follow Jesus must deny himself, take up his cross and come on.

6. Christians are dominated by the spirit of love. They love God, His Word, and will. They love each other. They love the lost souls about them. Those who have left or lost their love need to repent, return and do their first works again, and God will receive them, and bless them. How many have left their first love today, only God knows!

Why Preach the Second Coming of Jesus?

1. It is mentioned more than any event recorded in the New Testament.

2. It is related to every fundamental doctrine, to every sublime promise, and every exhortation to high, holy, and practical Christian living, as taught in God's Word.

3. When Jesus returns, and not until then, the plan of redemption will be complete, and the blood of His cross be fully justified.

4. Not until after Jesus returns again will the Church be exalted to her true position of rulership over the world.

5. It is after the return of Jesus to earth that Israel will enjoy the fulfillment of God's solemn and covenant promises made long ago to her. They will all be fulfilled then.

6. It is when Jesus returns to earth the second time that He will establish a government of everlasting peace and righteousness on this earth.

7. It is then that the earth will be delivered from its bondage of corruption, and transformed into the paradise of God.

8. The coming of Jesus again is the most imminent event that faces the world today. Events everywhere point to His speedy coming, "Therefore be ye also ready."

Destruction Is in the Land

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spise dominion, and speak evil of dignities." The false leader will tell the poor sinner he can't get this good salvation or if he gets it, he can't keep it, and if he loses it, he never had it. But, glory to God, they came too late to make everybody believe that, for we know it's real, don't we? Oh, God is in our midst, they say. Num. 16:3, Korah said, "The congregation is holy, every one of them, and the lord is among them," but Moses said, "To morrow the Lord will show who are his." They could not fool God nor even Moses. Neither can the false leaders fool God's people if they read God's Word. And while we may be safe, I want to say to you, dear ministers, this is beguiling unstable souls and misleading simple-hearted, precious people who don't know. Are you satisfied to keep silent and do nothing and say nothing? Oh, I fancy I can hear the echo of thousands of voices answering and saying, No, no, we will do our best. We will fight with God till the victory is won. We will not diminish from the Lord. We will forget self and home. We will say, Here am I, O Lord, send me to the lands across the sea. I fancy I can hear you say, Master, help me preach the Word in its purity more than ever before. It seems I hear you say, Lord, help me fight till the battle is won. Help me rescue some one with his hopes undone. Brother, if we will get down to business about lost souls, something will be done, something will happen as sure as you live.

So many preachers are looking for an easy place with big pay and little work to do, but if we shun hard places and small churches, I fear we are trying to get to heaven too easily, without working for our home up there, or our crown. I fear that God will not be with a man or woman who is guilty of playing along on Easy Street, and when the midnight cry is made, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," you may fail to hear the cry. Now if you are looking for Easy Street, you may find it just around the corner from here.

Dear friends and fellow ministers, trouble is in the land and destruction is on the people. Wake up and stand a danger signal before them, for souls are falling into hell every day. Oh, what can we do about it? Our boys and girls and our old white-headed fathers and mothers are going down together by the thousands every day. What shall we do? or what can we do? God said diminish not from the Word, but preach it like it is with power, and don't sugar-coat it. Don't pat a fellow on the back and tell him he is all right if he is wrong. Don't lower the standard of Christ for any one, but preach the Word. Let the devil

know holiness is right.

Deceitful workers are even transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ, and no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, 2 Cor. 11:13, 14. Now an apostle is one charged with a high mission. He is the first missionary who plants the faith in any religion. He is one who labors with special success as a moral or social reformer. You see, he is a person trained especially for this work and ranks high, and these apostles are always on the job and never sleep. No wonder the devil's apostles can do so much hurt and beguile and mislead so many precious souls, for they know just what to do and how to do it. They know just how it is done. Why? Because they are professionals trained for the job. Paul said they were transformed into an angel of light. Christ, and the old devil himself is transformed into an angel of light. "Transform" means to change the appearance of without altering its value. The devil transformed himself but it does not keep him from being the devil just the same. And his workers are trained to carry on his work everywhere they go. They go out on the streets and in the homes and with fair speech deceive the simple because you and I didn't get to them first. The devil never sleeps day nor night and never loses a moment of time.

"Let's go back a few years when we were girls and boys. We didn't have any radios. We didn't have the movies. We had no automobiles to ride around in. There weren't any airplanes. We didn't have electric lights. But we have all of these things today and they have all proved a blessing to us in many ways, yet they have proved a curse and helped to bring trouble to our fair land. But these things must be to fulfill scripture. Twenty-five years ago we didn't see our mothers and daughters cutting off their beautiful hair and trying to make men of themselves. Why? Because they had too much respect for themselves and didn't want to be classed with the low class of people. Now they don't care any more, and I am sorry to say but some of our precious sisters or so-called sisters are cutting or trimming their hair, cutting bangs and spit curls and rolling their hair just to make it look as much like the world as they can. It seems as though they are asking the question, How near the world can we get and stay in the Church? O my dear sister, you should see how far from the world you can get.

Just any number of our sisters are spending their money in the beauty parlors to get a wave, eyebrows plucked, nails polished, etc. Many of our dear sisters are fainting by the wayside, and falling out of line, going back on God because of these things. Dear sister, I fear for your spirituality, if you are

guilty of these things, if you dress like the world, going without sleeves or even with them above your elbow, as you know the ruling of the Assembly, and if you wear anklets or go without hose, and I think if we wait to be made to do what the Bible says for us to do, we won't get any reward for it. I do not believe God wants His Son's bride to go half-dressed, and I doubt very much if those who drink dope and use tobacco in any way, or lie around sporting places, listening to smutty jokes or foolishness of any kind will go with Him when He comes. I don't think it is best to chew gum, you could save that money and give it to the orphans.

Some of you will not like this and some may not agree with me, but so many of you mothers are guilty yourself and allow your daughters to do as they please about it and say you can't help yourself. You can help it if you will try hard enough. The first step to take is to line up yourself, then draw tight reins on your daughters. Get on your knees and stay there till you get victory over it all. Just do right yourself and make your children do right. You say you can't make them. Yes, you can, I'm a mother and I certainly have my daughter under control. My boy died but he knew to move when spoken to. The time to do this is when they are small. If you don't bend the sapling, you can't bend the tree. Remember, the text says destruction is in the land, and we must check up on our boys and girls or they will be lost. Seeing the times as they are, may we say together, O God, help us ministers to do our best, for nothing short of our best will do to face God with.

"It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11. We are nearing the end of our journey. We are nearer the goal or we are further from it. Don't give up. Don't lose sight of the cross, but keep going and living the life, just keep preaching the Word a few more days, and it will be well with thee. Remember, somebody is watching you and sees all you do. If we sit down and fold our hands, poor lost souls will come before us at the judgment and their blood will be required at our hands, then what can we say? I say, No, there is no stopping place for us now. Brother and sister, you may not like it because I tell you that God is not pleased with the way you dress and act, but it is so anyway. You say, God wants His people to look nice and it's nobody's business anyway. I agree that God does want His people to look nice but He does not want them to make Jezebels of themselves and if you go headlong and do these things you will have to answer for it. O Sister Ming, change your subject and stop talking

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Evangel My Friend Indeed

WARBRANCH, Ky.—I thank my many friends and those who prayed for the healing of my eyes and the recovery of my sight. I truly appreciate that and thank them for the interest they took in me in time of suffering and need. Again I thank the Lord for answering prayer. Today I can surely say my Redeemer liveth. My eyes are so much better that I will take my place back on the battlefield for God and the Church by beginning a revival at Pineville, Ky., Aug. 12.

All who wish to write me concerning the prayer of faith for the sick, please send stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply. I earnestly ask everyone who reads this, who is not a subscriber of the Evangel, to subscribe for it at once, for it is a message of love and there is joy to the soul and health to the bones in every copy to those who believe and practice its precepts in living faith with face set as a flint toward heaven. I shall look for Him in whom I trust until He appeareth.—Yours in His service, Waldon Asher.

God Blessing at Riverside, Ga.

We thank and praise the Lord for the way He has blessed and is blessing here at Riverside. Last summer Brother U. D. Tidwell and Brother and Sister G. R. Watson of the Atlanta Church of God brought a small tent out here and conducted a six weeks' revival. Large crowds attended the meeting and the interest was so great that the people of Riverside wanted a Church of God out here. Working conditions were very poor and the outlook discouraging but we began praying and working and sacrificing and as a result the Lord has given us a nice church building, almost completed.

We had meetings in the homes until the first Sunday in May when Brother W. T. Nelson, pastor of the Atlanta church, with Brother Watson, our pastor, set the church in order with twenty-nine members, all filled with the Holy Ghost but one. Our state overseer, Brother J. C. Jernigan, came by that night and dedicated the church; in a week or so we had a three weeks' revival and the revival spirit has continued until now and we are in another revival with Brother Frank Lemons of Minor, N. Dak., doing the preaching. It is truly wonderful the way the Lord has blessed here in these three months. Twenty-three have been saved, twenty-six sanctified, thirty-two filled with the Holy Ghost and thirty-five added to the church, making our membership now sixty-four and many others looking this way. Words cannot express how thankful we are for our pastor, Brother Watson, and his dear wife, they mean so much to us.

Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless and save many souls for

this is a ripe field. Some of the folks visiting our church said it reminded them of the Pentecostal meetings they had twenty-five and thirty years ago. We do praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Titus Hill, Riverside, Ga.

A Needy Place

COOLIDGE, Ariz. — I thank God that He still saves, sanctifies and fills with the good Holy Ghost. I am not permitted to be in services here as I would like to be. There is no Church of God here and there is only one Church person here besides myself. There was never a more needy place for God's Word to be preached, it seems. People have forgotten God. How we need some good Spirit-filled evangelist to come over in Macedonia and help. There has never been a Church of God preacher here since I came. I am praying that God will put this place on someone's heart. Help me pray, saints. I have eight boys and girls without salvation. Most of them once had the Holy Ghost but backslid. I am still believing God will save them.

It seems we are living in a time when it is hard for people to get to God. We can see the great falling away. We know, according to the signs, that Christ is soon coming. It makes us sad to see so many unsaved. I feel we have let down on prayer. Oh, so many need salvation!

I am so glad I saw the light on holiness and walked in it. I am glad that God began to deal with me. It made me straighten up my crooked life. We can't cover up one thing and have the fullness of God in our lives. God will not stay in an unclean temple; there is only one way—to serve God or mammon. We either serve one or the other. He said, Come out from among the world and be a separate people. So many call themselves children of God and you can't tell them from the world. So many are compromising with the devil. We have the same God we had ten years ago. Why is His power not demonstrated as it was then? It is on our part—failure to pray, compromising with the devil. We used to love one another. Now there is a jealous, envious spirit. My God, help people to get back on the firing line. We fear man is trying to have his way, leaving God out of it. We need to pray and leave self out of the way. Many times the reason God don't work is because we get in the way. I am doing my best to keep self on the altar. Why doesn't God heal like He used to? Because we are living closer to the doctor than the Lord.

It seems sometimes when persecutions and trials come we can't go any further, but God will never fail us if we trust Him. He won't allow us to be tempted

above what we are able. There is nothing to look back to in this old world; the goal is ahead. Jesus has gone to prepare a mansion and I am looking for His coming. I don't believe it will be long until we who are ready will see Him face to face. Saints, let's look up. It is no time to look back.

All you who pray, please remember me. Pray that I will be in God's will and do what He wants me to do. Please pray that God will send someone here to help us. My membership is at Olney, Tex. Brother Lee Shire is our pastor. We thank God for a humble man like Brother Shire. May God bless the churches everywhere. Pray for us, we really need your prayers.—A brother in Christ, W. P. O'Connell.

REVIVALS

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—The Church of God at Earls Grove, together with the Macedonia mission, has just closed a wonderful revival of twelve nights. Brother Carl Cox of South Cleveland did the preaching. The meeting was conducted in the state tent at Birchwood. There were large crowds (people came for forty miles around), good music and good singing, and the good Holy Ghost was present in every service.

Brother Arthur White, Brother Paul Carroll of South Cleveland, together with our good pastor, Homer Johnson, had charge of the music and singing. We had two Baptist quartets to sing for us during the meeting, also the South Cleveland Trio.

Brother Cox was especially anointed in giving out the Word. We regretted that he was called to South Carolina on account of the death of his stepbrother, and the good meeting had to close so soon. There were thirteen saved and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The whole country was stirred as the saints enjoyed the good power and blessings of the Lord. A large number was left seeking Jesus. Pray that someone will come this way soon and help those hungry souls to get the full blessing.—Mrs. Nola Lewis, clerk.

CROPWELL, Ala.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival here with Brother W. W. Ball of Lake Park, Ga., doing the preaching the first three weeks and Brother Wesson of Sylacauga, Ala. and Sister Ball the last week. We don't know just how many were saved and sanctified; fourteen received the Holy Ghost, ten were added to the church; the saints are greatly revived and feel like traveling on.

I praise the Lord for giving my three little children the precious Holy Ghost during this revival. Pray for this place; many are looking this way. We have our church building started. Pray that we will get it finished before cold weather.—Mrs. Leola Lee, Rt. 2.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

MARKED TREE, Ark.—We praise God for blessing us at Marked Tree and for men like Brother Odis Smith. He came and preached a week for us. He was sick when he came; he had to go home, he just wasn't able to stand up. The Lord surely blessed; people sought God who never did before. Some prayed through. The last night Brother Smith preached the altar was full. God only knows what a blessing he has been to us in Arkansas. Some of the saints were almost gone but are now on the mountain top.

People, please pray for Brother Smith's body and that God will send him back to Arkansas. I just don't know what we would do without him. He has touched people in our town who have never been touched before. He is trusting God for everything and he's as humble as a little child. Arkansas, let's do more for him, show God we appreciate him. We get to stay at home and enjoy living. He's on the battlefield burdened down for lost souls. O God, help us to do more. I have a zeal to do more than ever before, and a deeper determination. I want to encourage the young people. He can bless us just as He does the aged, and we're able in body to work. He does bless the young people here; the older people come and enjoy our service as much as we do. We enjoy their presence too. Don't forget to pray for Brother Smith. Our prayers are for all.—Y. P. E. president and wife, Dewey and Lucille Morrison.

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TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.—Sunday night, Aug. 7, brought to a close our summer campaign in our open air pavilion at the Church of God. We had as our evangelists Brothers Fred Jenkins, Leonard McDaniels of North Wilkesboro, and Roy Lyle of Granite Falls, N. C. and the last three weeks of our campaign we had as our evangelist Brother Homer Pope of Bessemer City, N. C. The last week of our campaign God surely did meet with us in a wonderful way. People were slain under the mighty power of God for hours at a time. Some had to be carried home where they lay quite a while under the power of God.

In all of our campaign twelve were saved, seven or eight sanctified, one filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and five baptized in water. Many were healed of different ailments. One lady seventy-four years old had been bedfast between three and four months and was expecting to die most any time with high blood pressure, leakage of the heart and cancers. She was prayed for and is now up

walking about. One was healed of goitre and one of blindness in one eye. One girl about ten years old had been burned and it left her hand paralyzed and perished. We prayed for her and she is now able to sweep the floor and do the work about the house. One lady was healed of leakage of the heart and many were prayed for for the removal of warts and they are all gone and going.

All of our evangelists preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. God is surely pouring out His blessings on the church here at Taylorsville. The revival is the talk of the town and country and many are looking our way. The success of our last week's revival was the faithfulness and untiring efforts of the church. We prayed, and prayed, and prayed, and held on to God. We had a day of fasting and prayer and God began to slay the seekers at the altar. God began to give out messages, which caused quite a stir among the people. The climax came Sunday afternoon at our 2:30 service when one sister received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, convincing the unbelievers and stopping the gainsayers' mouths.

Brother Pope is a young evangelist but is used mightily under the anointing of the Spirit and is one of the best altar workers you can find. He preaches the Word uncompromisingly. He has given up his job in the mills to carry the gospel to the lost.

Dear readers of the Evangel and all, this is my first year in the Church of God. Praise the Lord for the way He has blessed our efforts here at Taylorsville. We have been able, by the mercy of the Lord, to restore the driveway that had rotted out and put in a walkway, ceil the church, get the lights back, which had been cut off over two years, and build an open-air pavilion, enlarging the seating capacity of our church about three times its former size. The Sunday School increased in attendance. We won the Sunday School banner once.—E. C. Jennings, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 34, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Last November God led me to this little church. It will seat two hundred and fifty with fifty more on platform for choir. It has a nice pipe organ and piano. It is a brick church, has a big Sunday School room and lots of dishes, a big kitchen, two big gas stoves, and two lavatories. It has hedges around the front, has a furnace for church and living quarters. We got this at a reasonable price. We pay \$80.00 a month and have met it by trusting God. I have roofing, paint and

the brushes, and I am trusting God to send someone to paint it for me. Now, dear ones, we truly need your prayers. Do you want to see this work go? If so, pray.

If you feel led to write me concerning this work, do so. Come on, preachers, it may be you who will have this some day. If you pass through Chicago, come to see us. We are not discouraged. Pray for me and God's work.—Your sister, Evangelist Amelia Shumaker, 3162 W. Monroe St.

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PANAMA CITY, Fla.—I thank God for our new church here in Panama City. Dear Brother and Sister Jim Lewis of Ohio came here about the middle of June and started fighting the devil. When Brother Lewis started preaching holiness he had the devil to fight, but God blessed him and now we have a Church of God here. He set the church in order with eleven members and there is a good many more ready to come in. Ten or twelve have been saved and several have received the Holy Ghost.

We have a wonderful Sunday School with sixty-four in attendance. We have an outstanding Y. P. E. So many young people are taking a stand for God. We have a good W. W. B. We also have our church lot about paid for and have quite a bit of lumber for our building. Thank God for His wonderful love.

We really believe God sent Brother and Sister Lewis here. We have learned to love and appreciate them. Brother Lewis isn't afraid of preaching the gospel. He has preached holiness here. Pray that we will get them back another year or God will send us a good preacher, one who is not afraid of the hard places, for this is a new place for the Church of God.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. B. Chance, Millville, Fla.

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MIDLAND, Tex.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and my family. He has been so wonderful to us. We can't thank Him enough. Oh, thank the Lord! We are so glad of this heaven-bought privilege.

We have just returned home from the Texas camp meeting where we have been feeding our souls on the good blessings of the Lord. We heard some of the best preaching and singing we have ever heard since we were saved. The state overseer of Alabama and the LeFevre Trio did some wonderful preaching and singing. Thank God for His good people who are willing to do what God has given them to do. When these good people were called on to sing they would come forward with smiling faces, and how these goods songs would flood our souls with joy. I thank God for these three young people, just one look at their smiling faces would encourage anyone to go on with God. You could see Jesus on

their faces when they were singing those good songs. It seems I can hear them yet.

This was the best camp meeting we have been in since being in the Church eight years. We have missed three but if we have eight more we don't mean to miss one. Thank the Lord for this good gathering to worship our dear Lord and meet our brothers and sisters who have held up so clean a standard and fought this battle and prayed for us that we might enjoy these good blessings too.

When you read this remember to pray for me to go on with God and do His will, that I will be a blessing to others and cause them to come to Jesus before it is too late. We know we don't have very long to work for the Lord, so I want to do all I can.

I thank God for our pastor, Brother Jack Gilbert, also Brother Davis, our district pastor. They meant so much to us this past Assembly year. We love them. They will be a blessing to anyone who loves the Lord. They are so humble. Thank the Lord for His good people. What a privilege to serve Him! Pray that God will have His way in my life.—Your brother, Pleas Richters.

Home Coming Enjoyed

GASTONIA, N. C.—I thank the Lord for His good mercy, for health and strength and for the good Church of God. Sunday, Aug. 7, we had our home coming. We had a wonderful time in the Lord all day, with dinner spread by the good sisters at noon. A wonderful feast was enjoyed by a large crowd. We had several good talks by different pastors of near-by Churches of God. We thank the Lord for the good offering of \$100.00 in cash and \$100.00 pledged to be paid in thirty days, which will be used for adding new Sunday School rooms. This will be started after the Assembly, if it is the Lord's will.

We truly thank the Lord for our Y. P. E. We have a large attendance in both the Junior and Adult Y. P. E's. Let us stand by our Junior Y. P. E's and encourage them in every way. God help us to encourage our penny march and birthday offerings—one penny for each year—to help support our Church of God orphanage, which is doing such a wonderful work for our children.

Saints, I have two special requests which I want everyone to remember in prayer. God knows what they are. I had a letter today from a good sister who needs our prayers. She is fifty miles from a Church of God. Pray a special prayer that God will help them get close to a Church of God. Please write this sister and encourage her and her husband to hold on a few more days. Her address is Mrs. Leon Wilson, Box 5, Mt. Sherman, Ark.

God is wonderfully blessing in our

church in South Gastonia. Please pray for us and our dear pastor, Brother Darnell, and family. We love them so much. Pray for me and my home. My two children are both unsaved. May God's richest blessings be with you.—Tom Meeks, Box 59, South Gastonia, N. C.

Vacation Bible School

WEST BUXTON, Maine.—We have been pleased with the vacation church school held in the Church of God July 11-Aug. 8, with Miss Dorothy M. Marshall as principal. This school, being different to any we have ever held, appeals to children under fourteen years of age. We feel it was well attended, with ten pupils, considering the distance they had to come, and the time of the year when they were so much needed at home. Eight of the ten received diplomas and prizes for good attendance and work.

The baby of the class was four years of age, but was quite capable and equal to much, which surprised us. One of our girls gave a request for prayer for a bicycle so she could come to school, it being too far for her to walk. God heard and answered and gave her the bicycle and she was faithful in keeping her word and enjoyed the school. Much enthusiasm was shown by all the children.

You may wonder what we taught them, so we will give you some idea here. Our handwork consisted of handpainted Bible mottoes, flower baskets, rainbow plants, Bible scrapbooks, sewing cards with Bible verses, soap carving, Scripture pockets, sandtable village, missionary scrapbooks, ribbon bookmarks, days of creation in crayoned pictures and verse, posters of the "many things we are thankful for," window transparencies, crayoned Bible mottoes and pictures. Memory work: flag and Bible pledges, choruses and songs, roll call scripture verses, stories, days of creation in verse, rainbow colors and meaning, books of the Bible and Psalms, poems and drills.

The closing program was well attended, Monday evening, Aug. 8, and all felt the school had been worth while in the community. After exhibition of the work each child took his work home. The inspiration given to Miss Marshall in the spring, inspired her to put it in practice, and the school was started on a twenty-five cent book of stamps and supported by contributions from personal friends. We have done what we could to train our children in the way of the Lord, which is the duty of the Church as well as the parents, and have the promise that our labors are not in vain in the Lord. We forgot to mention that the missionary barrel was quite heavy, with fifty pennies at the close of four weeks, which goes to the Orphanage at Cleveland, Tenn. from the children here. Pray for us.—Sister Sarah

I. Daden, leader; Dorothy M. Marshall, assistant.

Lacoochee, Fla. Church Prospered

DADE CITY, Fla.—We are nearing the end of this Assembly year. Many hearts are expecting to attend the General Assembly, and I pray it will be the best Assembly yet. You who do so, may God wonderfully bless you and inspire you for a greater work for Jesus than ever before, and when you return to your fields of labor may each and everyone be an inspiration to the saved and to this lost world.

It has never been my privilege to attend this great annual meeting, but I pray I will get to go some day, if Jesus tarries; if not, I truly want to go to the Assembly in the sky.

Sister Lula Jones has been our leader for four years and we love her very much. Our church at Lacoochee, Fla., has been prospered under her leadership. Truly we can say she's a true servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I really praise God for ever sending her here. May God bless every church and its pastor and may the Holy Ghost have His right of way in everyone's heart and life and God's will be done. We all look up and praise God for past blessings and trust Him now and through all time to come for His blessings to one and all.

I love the Lord and want to be an overcomer. I promised God fifteen years ago last May if He would heal me I'd give Him the praise. He divinely healed and gave me salvation and I'm still praising Him.

Miracles and healings have been performed in our home since then and I'm still praising God for His goodness to us all. I am happy to tell you I was healed in Jesus' name Sunday evening a week ago as Sister Jones and I were praying before the night service. The Lord blessed us then and again in the services that night and we do thank the Lord for the way He blessed us at Lacoochee that night.

The Lord has truly blessed on the Linden district this Assembly year. We praise God for our district pastor, Brother E. L. Newton. He and his wife are a great blessing. We are thankful for all the ministers of the Linden district. The Lord has given us such a good year and we praise Him for the services—Sunday School, Y. P. E., conventions, revivals, etc. Brother Woodrow C. Byrd was a blessing to us, and yes, I'm sure, to the entire state. The singing school taught by Brother Andrew Yates at our church was a blessing too.

The Lord has been good to us, whereof we are glad. Our pastor is conducting a few nights' meeting at our church now, assisted by Brother Gordon Lee of

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HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—We praise God for a revival which closed here Aug. 7, conducted by Brother R. L. Davis of Rutherfordton, N. C. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Souls were saved, some sanctified, three baptized in water and four added to the church. The church has been greatly encouraged. We appreciate our pastor, Brother J. H. Brooks, and family, for their faithfulness. Pray that God will continue to bless the work here.—Pearl McMurray.

ROOPVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a revival which ran a little more than two weeks at Grayhill church. About fifteen were saved and sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The preaching was done by the writer and Sister Fannie Hill. She is a good preacher and a wonderful altar worker. We were surely glad to have her with us. The meeting was good from the beginning until the end. The Holy Ghost took charge of the services two nights. Seekers came to the altar crying to the Lord and God surely blessed them. Some backsliders were in the altar, weeping their way through to the Lord. We closed the revival with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The saints shouted and had a wonderful time. We also had Brother Smith with us from down near La-Grange, Ga. He preached a good sermon. It was estimated there were one thousand people there Saturday night. This was a large crowd for a country church. The pastor didn't get to be with us in the meeting, which we regretted very much. We also had the High Point people with us and enjoyed their good help.

We have a nice little Sunday School at Grayhill church. The Lord is surely blessing it; the people seem to be very interested in the Sunday School. Please pray much for me, also the church here. May the Lord bless you is my prayer.—H. N. Phillips, Rt. 1.

SELMA, Ala.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here in Selma which we praise the Lord for. Brother C. F. Barrett is pastor here. The revival was conducted by Brother Z. D. Simpson. I believe the Lord sent Brother Simpson here. He wonderfully blessed.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that my body might be healed. I have been down sick for three months and I wish to be healed so I can go back to church. I know the Lord is able to heal.

We also thank the Lord for four new members being added to the church here. We love Brother and Sister Barrett; they have done wonderful work since they

have been here. Wednesday night, Aug. 3, was the night we called our pastor and I am glad to say that Brother Barrett received all the votes.

Please pray for the Church of God here at Selma, that it will go over the top for the Lord.—Mrs. Julia Irvin.

DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—We just closed a twenty-six nights' meeting with Brother William A. Melson doing the preaching. Eight were saved, four reclaimed, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and two added to the church. Others are looking this way and the saints are much encouraged to go on with God.—Paul J. Brown, pastor, 411 E. Fulkerson.

SELMER, Tenn.—A three weeks' revival closed July 24 at the Piney Grove Church of God, with sacrament and feet washing. God surely did bless that night. Brother W. F. Willis of Memphis brought the message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Five were saved, one sanctified and others under conviction. Brother W. F. Willis and Brother S. C. Bell of Troy and our good pastor did the preaching. We thank God for our pastor, he is a real man of God and stands one hundred per cent for the Church of God and that is the reason I like him. We are praying that he will stay with us another year. The church is moving on. Praise the Lord. We didn't have a church building to have services in but, thank God, since Brother Smith came over here we have a building. It is not ceiled yet but we have a church to have service in. Thank the Lord.

I thank God for the Evangel; it just gets better and better; it is food to my soul.

Brother and Sister Lacefield of Vicksburg, Mo. church came over and held a two weeks' meeting at Oak Grove schoolhouse and two were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and four added to the church. We had a wonderful meeting last night and Brother Lacefield preached a good sermon. Pray for me that I will stay humble and true until Jesus comes.—Dee Francis Smith, clerk, Rt. 1.

RUBY, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the good revival that has just closed here at Ruby. Brother J. H. Heavener of Wadesboro, N. C. was in charge of it. The Lord surely did bless. Thirteen were saved, seven sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. Brother Heavener is a very good preacher. Everyone pray for us here at the Church of God at Ruby, S. C.—Colie Edwards, pastor.

On July 27 a wonderful revival broke out. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen saved and on July 31 we had baptismal service. Some of the

saints from Aberdeen were there, along with our dear Elder C. A. McIntosh. We had a good service during the day, also a pleasant evening. It was one of the grandest evenings we ever had. We could feel the presence of the Lord; He blessed wonderfully that evening. Many souls were convicted; I was saved and sanctified. Please pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Sister Cinderella Foster, clerk, Maggoty P. O., St. Elizabeth, Jam., B. W. I.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the great revival which just came to a close at the Winter Haven Church of God. The meeting ran for three weeks with Sister Davis of Barton, Fla., doing the preaching. Sister Davis is surely a godly woman and preaches the full gospel without fear or favor. Brother Thomas, pastor of Barton church, preached one week. The Lord certainly has blessed in this meeting for which we praise Him. Some nights the Holy Ghost took charge and sinners ran to the altar. There were about eighteen saved and sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized last Sunday, August 7, and twelve came into the church. We had all-day service the last Sunday. We thank the good prayer warriors of Lakeland church and Barton for their co-operation in this meeting. We thank God for Brother J. J. Dies, our pastor. Pray for us.—N. L. Thompson, clerk.

The Church of God at Lake Worth, Fla. has just completed a very successful revival conducted by Sister Brady Tharp. This precious sister has been a great inspiration to us and is truly led by the Holy Ghost who was manifested in each meeting. Many were saved and sanctified and many prayed through to complete victory with speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Any church contemplating a revival, will do well to invite this promising young evangelist to their place, as she yields to the Spirit of the Lord in a wonderful way. May God continue to bless her in this great work for Him.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Florence K. Owens.

E. BERNSTADT, Ky.—Brother Edd Cox, of Twila, Ky. came to E. Bernstadt, from our state convention and started a meeting. We never saw such interest before. This town has only nine hundred population, but their friends came till we had 1500 in our congregation. It was so marvelous to see all the town out to the Church of God. Brother Cox surely did some good preaching and was a blessing to our church. We are now asking everyone to pray that God will give us a larger building. Not only this town but the near-by villages are

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Where Have You Left Off?

BY LOUISE BABCOCK GREEN

Joshua 23:12, 13, "Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, . . . know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your side, and thorns in your eyes."

These days, Brother, are the last days. From every country there comes a rumor of war; and reports of bloodshed and tribulation come from all sides. Bombings and blood; bombings and blood. Our papers are filled with deaths of every description, and major disasters by the hundred. This and that of man's invention fails and kills hundreds. This and that of man's invention succeeds and kills thousands. Death and tribulation stalk the earth and have no respect of persons. Peace has gone from the world. And these verses in Joshua are as true today as they were at the time of their writing. They apply to the Church and the world, the Christian and the world, the Jews and the world, and, Brother, as long as a remnant of Satan's nations is left in our church, ourselves, or in the Jews, there will be tribulation, scourging, and death for us. Ezekiel 28:25.

The Jews have long reaped the bitter woe of associating with the world. They have known what it was and is to go without God's approval. They coveted first the conquered nation's apparel, gold, and women, and then they compromised by taking a little or few of each; and finally they were made captive by their desires. They left a few alive who should have been put to death and by those few was the snare laid in which they were caught. God used the nations to scourge them on all sides that they might repent, but the nations with their gods and idols and customs were thorns in their eyes and they couldn't see Jehovah any longer. To-day the Jew is scourged on every side, but the thorns are still in his eyes and he cannot see Christ. So driven out, despised, forlorn, the Jews have come a long way but they remain the rebellious, rejected people they were in Joshua's time.

In the days after Israel had crossed Jordan and entered the promised land, it didn't look like the promised land to them. No, sir. The first report they had had of Canaan frightened them and they wanted to turn back. God can't and won't help us when we can't leave everything of self dead. Every act of self or habit of self, or selfishness is a city to be conquered in Canaan.

The Israelites thought peace and rest would come by crossing Jordan, but they only met real trouble. They had a won-

derful experience crossing the river; there was holiness and awe in their hearts as Jordan's flood waters were parted and they passed over dry-shod. They had a gracious time of thanksgiving and praise when they built the altar of the river's stones. They took the rocks of their testimony and let the whole world see it. Christ is our testimony and the Holy Ghost tells us the way to build up that testimony into something solid. You have to want to go over the river, regardless of the Jerichoes ahead; and remember, none passed over without the promise of God's help if they obeyed God's commands.

When the Israelites were safely over flooded Jordan, with exultant hearts they kept the feast of the passover. They ate the unleavened cakes and parched corn; and after they ate the old corn they didn't want, or have, manna any more. They ate the fruits of Canaan. After you get the blessings of God in your soul, you will have to have something fresh from the Canaan you have entered. Only a preacher who has gone further into Canaan (which is a type of life after the baptism with the Holy Ghost) will satisfy your soul's hunger for the strong meat of the Word.

Well, once over the river they neared Jericho, and Joshua felt the need to pray. When you get the blessing of the Holy Ghost your Jericho will be right ahead. Christ was tempted forty days after He received the Holy Ghost, yet without sin. Do as Joshua did, when the temptations came, he felt called to pray, and he lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord. You get your blessings from above, Brother, and the deliverance and Deliverer are there and when your prayer is ended, your eyes are free from thorns to see them. Joshua asked the angel (tried the spirits) and found one who could help him as no other could. He said, "What saith my Lord unto his servant?" And the first thing the angel said was, "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy." Joshua did so.

Many times when it looks as though we should go right into battle, we are told to take off our shoes for we are on holy ground. No one would go into battle without his shoes, and Joshua didn't either. He was on holy ground for he had met with God in prayer. Then was the time for him to be still and be instructed for the battle. God wants us to do the same. All these things were written for our admonition, and happened unto them for ensamples.

Well, Joshua had instructions for battle and he cautioned them not to lift up

their voices until he told them to do so. And when the seventh compass of the city was made on the seventh day the people shouted when Joshua told them to shout, and the walls of Jericho fell. Yes, sir, they fell; and every man went straight before him into the city. The real blessings of God, Brother, come from above and you have a right to shout when you have won the victory in some battle with the devil, and God will bless you wherever you are if your heart is right.

So Jericho fell and the Israelites destroyed everything in the city except those who were behind Rahab's token of the red cord. Everything and everybody except those in Rahab's house were to be destroyed. But one man, a fellow named Achan, looked upon a goodly garment, 200 shekels of silver and a bar of gold, coveted them, took them and hid them in the ground. Many a Christian has backslidden because he or she looked upon one or some of the devil's toys, coveted them, took them, and then hid them. God sees all, however.

It wasn't long until they had another city to be conquered, the city Ai. Well, it looked like a small city easily taken, but I tell you, Brother, they were fooled. Yes, sir! Joshua sent two or three thousand over to take this little village and they (the Israelites) were run off like dogs. Sometimes it takes defeat to open our eyes to some Jericho habit or bit of self still with us. It will do no good to fight Ai or Gilgal if you have something to take back to Jericho to be burnt or something of self to be slain. God has always prompted us by word and spirit to make restitutions where possible. When Zacchaeus determined to restore fourfold to those whom he had defrauded, salvation came in that same hour upon his household. Samson let his hair grow and his strength returned.

After this ignominious defeat, Joshua and the elders put dust on their heads and fell on their faces before God. Joshua began to cry out to God, and to ask why they were brought out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and over Jordan into Canaan if they were going to be defeated so easily. A whole lot of people begin to accuse God and complain when the fires begin to burn and their victory dwindles and they fail where they considered it most easy to win. Find out what's left over from Jericho, Brother, and burn it up. You will have to go back to where you left off, before you can go on undefeated.

God told Joshua someone had disobeyed and it was up to him to find out. Joshua started telling off by the tribe and family and house, until he came to Achan. There are times when we know, by powerless prayers and defeated hearts, that God's approval is not upon us; and

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Please pray for my body. I have appendicitis. Pray that God will give me complete victory. I know the Lord is able to heal.—Virgie Mae Taylor, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Please pray much for my husband and me to get saved and sanctified. Pray that he will go to service and seek salvation. Also pray that my mother will get sanctified and give up snuff. Pray that my husband and I will give up this habit too.—Mrs. J. L. Cabe, Clarksville, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for me to be healed. I am in very bad health and need prayer. Fast and pray and write me an encouraging letter. Also pray for my soul to be saved before it is too late. I believe in the Lord and know He can heal.—Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, R. F. D. 2, Arlington, Ga.

Please pray for my father, he has a cancer and suffers intensely. Pray earnestly for the Lord to heal his body, and pray for his soul that if it is not the Lord's will for him to be healed that he will be prepared to meet God.—Sybil Reynolds, Rome, Ga.

We are in a revival at Beasleys Chapel and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Brother and Sister Peel are doing the preaching. Saints, pray for us at Beasleys Chapel that we will work more for the Lord.—W. C. Brown, clerk, Rt. 2, Henning, Tenn.

Please pray for me that God will remove the hindrance and open up the way for me to do the things He has placed on my heart to do. I know He is able.—Mrs. Zula B. Wooten, Rt. 4, Bogue Chitto, Miss.

Dear saints, I have an unspoken request. The Lord knows all about it. Pray for me and my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Lula Leonard, Erlanger, N. C.

I have something wrong with my ankle. It hurts me so I can hardly walk sometimes, so please pray that if it's God's will He will heal it.—Maud Livingston, Rt. 1, Box 44, Poplar Grove, Ark.

I ask every child of God who reads this to please pray that God will use me in His work as He would have me to be used. Also pray for my dear unsaved sisters and brothers that they may seek God and find Him before it is too late.—Miss Verna Henry, Ladonia, Texas.

We are in the malarial district; our children are infected. We have lost one

and another is having chills and fever. The law is requiring us to give quinine but we want to trust God. We know the law and must abide by it unless God makes the escape. We ask that you take our case before the Lord that we may be able to overcome.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Frank Rudesill and family, Stover, Miss.

Saints of God everywhere, I want everyone who feels lead to please fast and pray for me. I am not worthy to ask this, but if every saint will get down in prayer for me God might do something. I was saved about four months ago, but since then I have let Satan come in on me. He has made me doubt God so until all of the good Spirit I had has gone from me. I don't seem to have any feeling in my heart at all. I feel like I am dead on the inside. Please pray that God will bring my good spirit back to me and make me alive again. If God will do this for me I will try to do everything He wants me to. Please hold me up and pray for me until victory comes.—Miss Vaughan, 748 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

I covet your prayers that I may get a closer walk with the Lord and also have more overcoming power to overcome the wicked one. Please pray earnestly for me. Ask God to deliver me so I may be able to work for Him in the way I desire to. I also have an unspoken request. Pray for my loved ones out in sin.—Mattie Lou Mercer, Rt. 1, Box 165, c/o Ralph Burroughs, Sneads, Fla.

Please pray for me. I am in sin and if ever a poor soul needed your prayers it is I. Listen, dear Christain people, please don't forget my plea for prayer, and continue to pray for me until I get a prayer through for I don't intend to stop until I do.—C. S. Bloodworth, 108 S. Jackson St., Albany, Ga.

Please pray for me that when He comes to call for me I shall be in my right place. There is a lady who wants special prayer for the healing of her body. Please remember her.—H. A. Walker, Cacoan, Riverside P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

There will be a revival starting here at Lone Chapel August 28, so pray much that lots of souls will be saved at this place. Pray for my unsaved husband and children, my oldest especially who one time had this good blessing in his heart and life but now he is so far back in sin and needs your prayers.—Beulah Sims, Rt. 2, Edgewood, Tex.

Dear saints, pray for me. Pray that the Lord will apply the blood to my soul and give me joy and peace in my soul. I want to be all that Jesus would have me be. I am trying to pray through

to victory; I am a backslider. Don't forget me, I truly want to live a wholly sanctified life. I don't want to stop until I get the precious Holy Ghost. If anyone feels led to write to me, please obey.—Mrs. Louise Johnson, Ethel, W. Va.

Please pray a special prayer for me, I am suffering very badly from an infection of the lungs. Pray that my faith may be increased.—Mrs. Nannie Everhart, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for my faith to be increased. Also pray that the Lord will completely heal me. He has touched my body. I have a severe throat trouble. Pray for my husband to be healed of a ruptured side.—Mrs. Minnie Morrison, Box 213, Erlanger, N. C.

Please pray a special at once for my eyes. I went blind all at once; pray for me to regain my sight. Please don't pass this by.—Will Reed, Rt. 1, Folsom, La.

Will everyone who reads this please pray for the Lord to heal me of asthma? I know the Lord can heal because many times I have been healed but I just can't get victory over this disease.—Mrs. Eva Lusk, 705 Hoitt Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I got hurt on the road working and surely need your prayers.—Glenn Ball, Davenport, Va.

I have a very urgent request which I desire you to please pray for, that God will answer to His glory.—Mrs. Ethel Simpson, c/o E. N. Hector, Rt. 2, Abilene, Tex.

Please pray for our daughter who has a diseased kidney. They say it will have to be removed but God can heal, so please pray.—S. J. Mullins, Arjay, Ky.

Please pray for my throat. I had the flu and it left me with a cough. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Sister Lena Thompson, Sebastian, Fla.

Please pray at once for my wife. It seems if God doesn't undertake at once she will lose her eyes or one especially. She's fully trusting God. Also pray for our baby, it has been sick all its life. Remember my body in prayer too.—Ira J. Hand, Rt. 1, Barfield, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for me that the Lord will heal my body. I have a bad stomach trouble and I have bad spells with my heart. It seems sometimes that I can hardly live but I trust the Lord to heal me. Pray for my son, he has epileptic fits and suffers so much. He fell and knocked his arm out of place so the doctor has his arm bound down to his side to see if he can get his arm to stay in place. I know the Lord can heal him when all doctors fail. Pray for

my daughter to be healed, and pray that the Lord will make the way for us to be in service. We live where there is no Church of God here and if there ever was a place that needed a good Church of God preacher, it is here. Just pray that someone will come and run a revival here. Pray for me that I will stand true and do the Lord's will.—Mrs. A. R. Adams, Rt. 1, Billingsley, Ala.

Please pray for a young man who is sick with lung trouble. Also pray for me to stand true and pray that all my children will be saved. Remember us in South Louisiana, we need a real preacher here to give out the real Bible. Pray for us.—Sam Williams, Walker, La.

Please pray for me to be healed. I've had T. B. in both lungs for five years or longer and have been in bed ever since January. I would like to be healed for God's glory.—Louise Wilson, 29 Kuykendal St., Rock Hill, S. C.

Please pray for my daughter and me to be healed, also pray for my son to be saved.—Ally Hall, Norman Park, Ga.

Please pray earnestly that I'll be completely healed and get closer to God and do what He would have me do. Pray that God will make my husband so miserable until he will repent of his sins and get saved.—Mrs. Allean Merritt, State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

Please pray for the healing of my body; I almost have pneumonia.—Mrs. John F. Samples, Box 1007, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

Dear saints, I have a very bad toe. The saints here have been praying for me and I want all of you saints everywhere to pray for God to heal it. I am fully trusting Him for my healing.—Miss Dorothy Herrin, Pell City, Ala.

Dear saints, I have a very special request which I wish you would pray for. God knows all about it. I have a niece who is very sick. Unless the Lord undertakes she won't be here long. Pray that God will touch her body, if it is His will. Pray that our home will always be a home of prayer for we want to go all the way with the Lord.—Mrs. Nevesta Worthington, 122 E. 6th St., Lexington, Ky.

Dear saints, please pray for the complete healing of Sisters E. J. McMullen, Lura Jordan and Rosa Johnson. Also pray for George Sapp who is suffering with a carbuncle.—Mrs. L. W. Johnson, Dowling Park, Fla.

Please pray a special prayer for me, I am a little ill. Send me an anointed cloth if you feel led. Pray for my family and that my son will be saved from sin. Also remember some of my friends in

prayer.—Sister Callie L. Temple, R. F. D. 7, Box 404-N, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear brothers and sisters, I neglected to go to church and I surely feel the effects of it. I am in trouble with my two sons, they have been drinking and I am so worried. Please pray for them that God will save them. They also smoke. I want them cleaned up and fit for the Master's use. Pray for me that God will strengthen me and that I will get on fire for Him. Please send us an anointed handkerchief if you feel led.—Sister Louise Isabrandt, 714 Washington St., Ironton, Ohio.

I have a special unspoken request. Please pray earnestly for God to provide whatever is best. Pray that the Lord will heal my body and supply our needs for both soul and body and save my children.—Mrs. N. A. Corley, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.

Please pray for me and my husband. He is a sinner. I am trying to do the best I can to live for Jesus and it seems very hard for me. I have so many burdens to carry but I thank God for carrying me through instead of letting me go down. I ask special prayer of all of my brothers and sisters for my husband.—Irma McCullough, Rt. 1, Avon Park, Fla.

Dear saints, I have been sick eight weeks and not able to work. Please pray for the Lord to heal my body. Brother Rouse, please pray for me. Pray that it will be possible for me to subscribe for the Evangel. I don't get to go to church and it is such a spiritual blessing to me.—Mrs. G. E. Flowers, Box 258, Landis, N. C.

Please pray for the Lord to completely heal my body. The doctors say I won't be any better until I have my tonsils removed but I believe God can heal. I haven't taken a dose of medicine since I received the blessing. Please pray a special prayer for me. Pray for my husband to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Rosa Borden, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.

Dear saints, will you folk please pray a special prayer for two long unspoken requests? Pray through for them. Thank you.—John Edgar, Lansing, Mich.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for the healing of my body, I am suffering with chills and fever. I am trusting the Lord.—Mrs. Josephine Petrie, Rt. 2, Batesville, Miss.

Please pray for God to save my soul and that He will have His way in my life. Pray for the revival here.—Allen Childree, Towns, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray that the Lord will increase my faith. Jesus is coming

soon and I surely want to be ready. Pray that the Lord will save my oldest sister and her daughter. I also have a very special request; please help me pray for this request.—Eva Smith, Toledo, Ohio.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for Sister Branham, she is in the hospital at Columbia, S. C. and is suffering badly with cancer of the stomach. Please pray that the Lord will heal her. Continue to pray for the complete healing of my body and that I will live in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 2, Box 11, Ridgeway, S. C.

Please pray for me to be healed, I am badly afflicted with sores. Pray for three children who have sores on them.—Mary Lee, R. F. D. 2, Cropwell, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray for me, I have an abscessed leg. I can't walk and haven't walked on it in twelve days. Please pray for my husband that he will get back to the Lord.—Mrs. Alma Maney, Canton, N. C.

Dear saints, I feel the great need of having God in my soul. Please pray that He will be merciful to me as a sinner and that I will do His will.—Homer Beard, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

We are in a revival here. Please pray for God to have His way and that souls will find the Lord.—Turner and Letha Hall, Indianola, Okla.

Mrs. Laura Gaymon of Laurens, S. C. requests prayer that God will heal her brother of heart trouble. Pray that God will heal her eyes, she is blind in one eye and the other one is bad. Pray for me.—Mrs. Lee Robertson.

Please pray earnestly for my little girl. She had measles several years ago and they left her with draining ears, which drugs have failed to cure. I know God can heal if we will only trust and believe. Pray much for me.—Mrs. J. B. Phillips, John's Island, S. C.

Please pray for my husband to be healed of cancer of the bladder and saved from sin. Pray for me that I will be healed, our Lord knows what is wrong. Pray that our health will be restored. Also pray for a friend to be saved from sin.—Mrs. Bob Douglas, Jellico, Tenn.

Please pray for my little granddaughter, she is afflicted with asthma. At times she chokes until she has convulsions. I see no chance for her unless God undertakes.—W. L. Nixon, Rt. 2, Cropwell, Ala.

Please pray for me to be sanctified, and pray earnestly for my husband to get saved. Pray that I will be an overcomer. Pray for my mother to be saved and give up snuff, also pray for my sis-

ter to get closer to God.—Mrs. M. N. Gorden, Clarksessville, Ga.

Please pray for my baby, it is sick. Pray for me that I will have more faith to trust the Lord with my baby.—Mrs. Sallie Mae Cox, Box 62, Lake Hamilton, Fla.

Please pray a special prayer for me, I have been sick for some time. Pray that I will do His will until He calls for me.—Mrs. Noreen Walker, Rt. 1, Enigma, Ga.

Dear saints, we are deprived of the privilege of attending services or Sunday School. Please pray that God will open the way for us to get to a place where our children can attend Sunday School.—Ethel Simpson, Rt. 2, Abilene, Tex.

Please remember to pray for Mrs. Lester Rhine who has had a nervous breakdown. Pray that God will undertake.—Mrs. R. C. Hugendubler, 1346 Derry Rd., Palmyra, Pa.

Dear saints, we are in the malarial district. Our children are infected. We have lost one and another is having chills and fever. The law is requiring us to give quinine. We want to trust God but know the law and must abide by it unless God makes the escape. We ask the Evangel family to take our case before the Lord that we may be able to overcome.—Frank Rudesill and family, Stover, Miss.

Dear saints, I am sick and have been for about six months. Please pray for me and if you feel led by the Holy Ghost, please send me an anointed cloth. I surely will appreciate it. I desire to tell the lost souls about Jesus, so pray, if it is God's will, that I will be healed so I can go out on the battlefield for God.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 1, Tullahoma, Tenn.

I humbly ask the prayers of everyone. God saved me from a bad life of sin and I have been in the ministerial work for over two years. It seems hell has enlarged itself against me with all the demon powers.—Marvin Weems, Trafford, Ala.

Dear friends in Christ, I would like to make a few earnest requests of all who believe in prayer. I don't want to fail to pray for anyone who asks me to do so, and I believe that we should read every request that is published in the Evangel and take it separately and pray that it may be granted, if it is according to God's holy will. Please remember to pray that my father and mother will be saved and receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for a friend of mine to receive the Holy Ghost and that God will change her husband and save his soul.

Christian friends, also pray that God will prosper the "Christian Radio Association" which met in Birmingham, Ala. last week for the purpose of raising funds to build a strong radio station for all Christian churches to use in sending the gospel over the air to the sick, afflicted and aged who are unable to attend services. Pray that it may grow and that it will be able to erect a powerful station and that its membership will grow to the extent that we can place a radio in the home of every shut-in, so they may hear a religious program almost any hour of the day, if it can be so arranged with our National Communications Committee. Pray for the progress of this wonderful world-wide missionary movement.—Dorothy Harlan, Calera, Ala.

Please pray for my little girl to be completely healed for the glory of God. Pray for my husband to gain strength, he has been sick. Pray for the Church of God here to rise and shine for God. Also pray for me that I will stay in God's will and be ready when He comes or calls.—Mrs. Sarah Sharpe, Robbinsville, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray for me in this trying time. Pray that God will completely heal me. Even though I am in bed and don't get to go to church I feel the presence of the Lord bubbling up in my soul. Don't forget to pray for me until your prayers go through. Fast and pray if you feel led.—Mrs. G. F. Crank, Bypro, Ky.

I have a boy who has epileptic fits. He is a member of the Church of God—saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He believes in healing. Please take this request on your hearts and pray an earnest prayer for him, because we know God can heal.—M. J. Holt, Dola, W. Va.

Dear ones, I have a very special request which I want you to pray for. My daughter is in a terrible condition spiritually. She is what you would call a very dear child, never gave me any trouble or heartache. She always listened to the good things of life. She was and is yet a No. 1 girl, but what puzzles me is she feels she can't get saved, that God has withdrawn His Spirit. She was saved and sanctified when about fifteen years old but backslide after a few years. In the last year God reclaimed her and she was getting along fine until it seemed all of a sudden she began to feel this way. We have prayed for her and she shouted and danced since then but she can't claim victory. She has lain and prayed all night and almost lost her mind. Now she says, "Mamma, it doesn't do any good for me to try," and then she says, "If something isn't done I'll go crazy." Now saints, this is serious. Please pray for her to be an overcomer. Her husband is a

good Christian and church worker. Our faith and trust is in God and His Church. Remember over there where Peter was kept in prison, prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him and he was set free. Praise the dear Lord.—Her mother, Mrs. Chas. Verble, 3320 Rosamond, Memphis, Tenn.

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looking toward the great Church of God here. The power is falling as it did in the early days of the latter rain; the Holy Ghost took full control of the service last night; messages went forth in tongues and interpretations were given. There was no preaching, not much singing, but lots of shouting, crying and praying. Oh say, if you want to be in an old-time, heartfelt, Pentecostal shower, just stop at E. Bernstadt on our meeting nights.—Mrs. C. D. Ward.

MULAT, Fla.—We have just closed a revival near Mulat, Fla., that lasted about six weeks. We began the services in a house but soon the crowds were so large we had to move. Then men built an arbor as there was no building available. God met with us each night in a wonderful way. Thirty-three were saved, about twenty sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and sixteen baptized in water.

We organized a good Sunday School and would have organized a church but could not get anyone here to set the church in order. The power of God was stronger in this meeting than has been witnessed around here for years. Some nights after the altar service the saints would shout and dance for two hours. One night the power fell while we were singing the third song, about 8:30, and it continued until almost midnight; no sermon was preached that night except a message given by the Holy Ghost. Three were baptized with the Spirit that night and two were saved.

We are in great need of a good, capable pastor for this new work. Pray for God to continue to bless these hungry hearts.—Josephine (Walker) Nesheim.

SELMER, Tenn.—We closed a two weeks' revival Saturday night, August 13, at Oak Grove schoolhouse, fifteen miles west of Selmer, Tenn. Two were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized, and four added to the church at Piney Grove. Many souls were drawn closer to the Lord. There were large crowds and the people seemed to be very much stirred and the interest seemed good. People were made to cry under the mighty convicting power of God. Brother M. C. Lacefield and wife did the preaching. Pray for us.—M. C. Lacefield, Rt. 2, Steele, Mo.

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seemed to have an extra touch and spread out all over the beard and then the garments. It seemed to cover the whole man. Divine unity will envelop the Christians and give them the greatest peace and joy that can be had. Hermon was the highest peak near Jerusalem and it is said that great snow pockets in the canyons lasted all summer long and as the heat would rise from the earth and contact the cool air it would make a heavy dew. As it fell around the foot of Hermon, it caused life in the vegetation, and even in towns of drouth there was always growth and life at the foot of this great mountain. This is true of unity among Christians. It will bring spiritual life, harmony, and blessings that nothing else can give. God is the author of unity and it is His will that we have peace, joy, fellowship, and every good thing that goes with God's blessings. His blessings will be upon all those who dwell in unity. There is nothing so destructive as discontentment and dissatisfaction. I pray that we will have unity and strength.

Pray for the Editor

I feel the great responsibility of this great work and I request special prayer that God will help me do the things that will please Him, and direct the work here for His glory and honor and for the best interest of the Church at large and the spreading of the gospel throughout the land. Please don't forget to pray for me every day. I'm depending on you, on your prayers, on your love and help. Give us your work and your co-operation. If something goes wrong, it may be just a misunderstanding somewhere. Get in touch with me. Have patience and let's keep the right attitude, a Christian attitude, toward each other, and God will be pleased and He will bless us and everything will come out right.

Destruction Is in the Land

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about the things we do. Well, have you repented? In my mind I can hear you say, No, no, we haven't repented. Well, again I say that until you repent of this thy wickedness I shall preach it, for I have seen so much half-way and pretending until I am sick of it, and I know God is too. Brother, Sister, you just can't get to glory acting like the world, no use trying, you can't do it. If you want to make me feel ashamed of you, oh yes, I said ashamed of you, let me go into a store with the sisters of the Church and they all make for the chewing gum jar and pass the gum around. It certainly makes me ashamed and should I ever happen to be in a store with you at any time or anywhere, please don't pass your gum and drinks

to me, for I am ashamed of it and you, too. Sinners are watching it and don't you forget it. If Jesus carries a little longer, I am afraid some of our people will be so absorbed in the things of this world, and the devil will have them so well doped, they will be asleep spiritually. If you die in that condition when it's too late you will wake up in hell with the devil. No doubt you will laugh me to scorn, call me old-fashioned, and mock me, just as they did Lot, but I will stand for the truth and right. When you lose respect for the Church and its teachings, you have lost respect for every thing worth while, for the Church and her teachings are all based on the Bible and some day before long she will rise and be gone away from this low land of sorrow to meet Jesus in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Oh, what a happy time that will be for all the people of God. Glory to God forever. Dear reader, I trust this message will be received in the spirit of meekness it has been written in, and help us all to do our best for our best is what it will take to stand in the presence of Jesus, our soon-coming King. Amen.

BRIEF REPORTS

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Lacoochee. Pray that souls will be greatly blessed. I thank God for coming to my rescue and healing me, and I really praise Him for undertaking for my mother. She was badly afflicted last fall and when I saw her last July she was getting along so well. I truly praise God, He is a prayer-answering God. We thank Brother Rouse and all who prayed for her. I thank God for answering some other prayers for me this summer. I am still giving Him the praise for what He means to me and my home. Pray that we will be overcomers for Him. Also pray for my sister's tonsils to be healed.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1.

Another Assembly Has Passed Into History

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Bible Schools were ably represented in this program. Their place in the Church is more and more appreciated. With the new buildings added, the interest continues to increase and better and more results are expected from the schools.

5. The service for the old ministers was an interesting one. Many hearts, were touched in this service. As the years pass the number of old soldiers increases and we believe interest in them increases, and certainly all think that this is as should be.

6. The Ladies' Willing Workers. This was not a dry program by any means. What would we do without the faithful sisters in the Church? They are a force to be reckoned with in every department

of Church work and in matters material and financial as well as spiritual.

7. Foreign missions. This program was one of the most important and one of the most impressive of the whole Assembly. All that was said by our foreign missionaries was to the point. We believe that many hearts were stirred by these messages and that we may expect a greater increase still in our missionary spirit. And if so, this will mean still more missionary praying, giving and going. A substantial offering for missions was received at the close of this service. It might be of interest to our readers to know that our foreign mission offering for the year was almost \$30,000.00. May we not pray that God will lay the burden of the heathen world more heavily upon our hearts.

Annual Reports

All reports showed an increase during the year. This includes:

1. Number of churches.
2. Number of members.
3. Number of ministers, both ordained bishops and licensed evangelists.
4. Church finances, for the home land and for the foreign work.
5. Publications and publishing interests.
6. Orphanage and old ministers' funds.

Special Features

The healing services in the early morning meetings and the altar services in the evening meetings are worthy of attention. It would be absolutely impossible to estimate the number healed or blessed in these services, but evidently they were many. If the Church as a whole is to continue its forward march its "altar fires" must be kept burning. This we must all know.

The Reporters and Photographers Present

The newspaper reporters and photographers were present to describe with words and photographs what was taking place in these great services, but how much there was that they could not describe nor depict! Our people are certainly a conundrum to the world. But so was Jesus and so was the early Church and everybody else who ever walked with God in this sinful world. Jesus said, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world."

The Next Assembly?

Where will it be and when? Special invitations for it have been received already from Memphis, Tenn., Houston, Tex., and Atlanta, Ga. A committee will decide this question and notice will be given in due time.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly is in the past—and now another *forward march* for another year of greater blessing and victory!

Where Have You Left Off?

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it takes a lot of deep digging to find the true source of guilt.

It took a long time to get to Achan, but they stoned him to death, and his household. They gave him hearing, as some will have a hearing on judgment day, but it was too late. Innocent people had to suffer with him. Herein lies fearful warning to us, lest our household perish for our sin. Achan was a terrible example to the Israelites and they profited from it for a while. Yet there soon came a time when they betrayed God for a few old pieces of bread and old bottles of wine. Brother, if the devil doesn't catch you with gold or silver, he will try to trap you with old bread. He doesn't set out tin can bait to catch a bird nor corn to catch a bear. The devil knows your weakest point, and that's where he will get you if he can. Some of Canaan's nations trapped Joshua into forming an alliance because it looked as though they had an above-board proposition, but he forgot to try the spirits that time.

It is easy to see that there was nothing desirable about any of the Canaanite nations, nothing worth perpetuating. The people were deceitful at heart, idol worshippers, covetous and warring because of their covetousness. God knew their frame, and had perfect plans to guard His chosen people from their contaminating influence; but Israel yielded to the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye, preserved some Canaanitish lives for their wives and husbands and began their own downfall.

Joshua, in his last exhortation to the Israelites, cautioned them over and over how to proceed to conquer the remaining nations. Repeatedly he warns them to expel the enemy and drive them away. "You have known the way of God and his promises," he reminds them. "And you know he has been faithful in all that he promised. And as he has been faithful in doing good, so he will be faithful in bringing evil to pass if you in any wise go back and cleave to the remnant of the nation. If you obey God you will have peace."

It is to the voice of Joshua, the one who led the Israelites into Canaan, to whom we should hearken; His words are God's and his experience was tried in hot fires. As long as any Christian goes back and cleaves to the remnant of any worldly habit or desire, he lays himself open to scourging, to having his eyes put out with thorns. Above all, his victory will be gone and those old habits and desires will be as continuously set traps and snares. The church that breaks over to walk with the world will be a disgrace,

as a whole, to any community. She will be despised and scourged and thorns will be in her eyes to prevent her seeing her way back.

Oh, let us ask God, beg, implore God to search our hearts and churches, and see if there be any wicked remnant of Satan's nations in us, and lead us to repentance and the way everlasting.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, please help me pray for a man who has a cancer in his mouth; he is at the point of death. He needs prayer for both soul and body. His name is Frank Smith. Also remember Mrs. Buel Dunaway in prayer; she is suffering with goitre and bad heart. I have a very special unspoken request. Please help me pray as my burdens seem great. God alone understands.—Mrs. G. A. Price, Foxworth, Miss.

Dear saints, I am afflicted in body and want prayer. Please pray until you hear from God in my behalf. I have a bad head trouble, and a few days ago a hurting came in my left side and at times I can hardly lie down, it hurts me so badly. It seems something cuts my breath off and I am so sore I can't get a long breath. Please pray earnestly for me that I will be healed. Please pray as soon as you read this, fast if you feel led. Brother Rouse, please pray for me. I want to be firm in the faith and never take medicine. An anointed cloth will be appreciated.—Mrs. C. P. Haynes, Nokomis, Fla.

Please pray for me, I have something like a tumor or abscess and I do want to trust God for my healing. Pray that He will heal me, if it is His will. Pray for my family; my husband is a backslider. Please pray for him to have the desire to go to church and do right. Pray that if there is anything in my life that keeps me from being healed that it might be removed. Remember my loved ones who are in sin that they will seek salvation and that my home might be blessed. Pray that God will undertake for me. I haven't had the privilege of going to church in six months and I am so hungry to be in a good service. Pray for my children. Pray that some way I can get the good Gospel to read.—Bertha Rhodes, Brockett, Ark.

REVIVALS

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—We just closed a four weeks' revival which began July 10 and closed August 7. It was one of the best revivals we've had this year. The power of God would come down and souls would fall in the altar and cry out to God. There would be twenty-five and thirty in the altar seeking God almost every night. Nineteen were

saved, eight sanctified, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. It was the work of the good pastor and his wife and the prayers of the saints that brought God's power and Spirit down in our midst and convicted people of their sins. Brother A. V. Howell and family were with us in this meeting. Brother Howell did the preaching; he preached the Word with fear and trembling and was at his best, I believe. We appreciate Brother and Sister Howell's faithfulness and we learned to love them while they were here. Our pastor, Brother Wiggins, and Brother Howell worked together like clock work in the meeting. We thank the Lord for our good Sunday School and Y. P. E. We have from one hundred and seventy-five to near two hundred in Sunday School. Please pray for the work here and the people who are hungry for God. We closed with thirty in the altar Sunday night. Fifteen were baptized and nine came in the church. Pray for the work at Frostproof.—Mrs. A. J. Davis, Box 574.

HIGDEN, Ark.—We praise the Lord for His goodness toward us here at Higden. On July 24 Brother A. R. Willingham, pastor of the Velvet Ridge Church of God, began a meeting which lasted two weeks. The church was filled almost every night. People sat during the services with conviction gripping them but it seemed they were bound so strongly with the bonds of the devil they could not move. Brother Willingham preached soul-stirring messages which were food to the little band of saints. Surely God's approval is upon Brother Willingham, for the good Holy Ghost would descend and shouts of glory rang from the saints. Our good and faithful pastor, Brother W. V. Johnson, and wife were with us during this meeting. Brother Johnson preached two sermons and had charge of the singing. We learned to love Brother Willingham here because of his humbleness and his stand for holiness. Please pray for us here at Higden to be humble and obedient to God.

The church clerk's address is Mrs. Etta Turney, Higden, Ark.—Ruff Gentry, Rt. 1, Miller, Ark.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Wake Forest. He is pouring out His blessings in a wonderful way and God has helped us during the past year to gain thirty-nine new members. We greatly love our pastor and his wife and children; they have helped us in many ways.

I am saved and sanctified and want everyone who reads this to please pray earnestly for me to receive the Holy Ghost, and pray for us here to accomplish something for Him who has done so much for us.—Mrs. Burma Mabrey, Rt. 3.